

Mr. Connelley, who offered to bribe Bond, and he wanted John J. summoned.

Mr. Horton said he knew no John J. Murphy. He ordered the member of the City Council of Leavenworth, whatever his name was.

Mr. Freilinghausen said that York and Simpson had been permitted to produce evidence against the bribery of the part of Pomero's friends. This the Senate had denied, but it had enlarged the scope of the investigation so as to permit the members of the court to find out whether there was or corruption on the part of Pomero.

The committee thought they had gone to the very bottom of the matter, and they permitted the introduction of evidence that Pomero was connected with corrupt practices on the part of his friends in the city of St. Louis at the time he was in Cuba. The evidence was so strong that it implicated Pomero; but he would say that whichever way that question might finally be decided, it would not affect the result of the election of summer the parties mentioned by Horton.

The committee adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. on Monday.

## LITERARY CHIT-CHAT.

Harper & Brothers have just published "Santo Hayti," by Samuel Hazard. Mr. Hazard will be remembered as the author of the best book which has yet been written on Cuba, and if his "Santo Domingo" is unequal to his previous work it is because his subject is inferior in interest and picturesque qualities. The customs of old Spain, which in Cuba are more Spanish than in Spain itself, have been almost obliterated in St. Domingo. The revolution of 1793 obliterated almost every trace of Spain in the island, and the wretched negro population now inherit it after nothing in the manner of the Spaniards except a few superstitions and ponchos of Andean origin. It is a caricature of aristocracy. Indeed, the few vestiges of reality of Dominican existence are the caricatures. The amenities of civilized life are not observed. Intelligence and industry are unknown. The fruitful caribbeans yield only what chance has sown. Hayti is almost as wretched as St. Domingo, and both parted from freedom and republicanism. It is little wonder, then, that the island is almost a terra incognita to most Americans it is as absolutely unknown except in name, as the most insignificant island in the South Sea. Mr. Hazard's book is according to a very timely work. In it tells the whole story of Dominican history, and thus shows how the present was born of the past. Any one who would understand the question of annexation or the meaning of the Samana Bay Company scheme should read the book, for Mr. Hazard brings together in this volume more information in regard to the island than was ever before gathered in so small a compass. He tells everything that one wants to know of the country, and tells it well.

"A Manual of Land Surveying," by David Murray, Professor of Mathematics in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., W. S. Alexander & Co. The work has been carefully prepared, and will serve at once as a text-book on this branch of practical mathematics and as a guide for the surveyor. It is not merely a book of principles and problems, but is especially valuable for the information it gives in regard to the instruments used in land surveying.

Monsieur Alexandre Aksakof, of St. Petersburg Imperial Russian Aule Counsellor, is preparing a German translation of Robert Dale Owen's latest work, "The Debatable Land," with a biographical sketch of the author; to issue in Leipzig, for circulation in Russia as well as in Germany.

Mrs. Westmoreland, of Atlanta, Ga., will issue her new novel, "Clifford Troup," in a few days from the press of G. W. Carleton & Co. "Hoe Hungry," by the same author, published last year has already run through nearly a dozen editions.

EUGENE O'CURRY'S lectures on "Manners and Customs of the Ancient Irish," edited by Dr. Sullivan, which have been in the press for the last two years, are ready for publication in London.

MR. BOSGOED, of Rotterdam, has published a "Ichthyological Bibliography." It is a systematically arranged catalogue of more than thirty-three hundred books, pamphlets, &c., in all languages on the natural history of fishes, etc.

MR. SWINBURNE'S poem on "Théophile Gautier," published in the *Fortnightly Review*, has been translated into French by Victor Hugo.

A STRIKE has broken out among the Leipzig printers.

FANNY KEMBLE thus wrote, forty years ago, of the effects of Boston "east winds"—  
As for all the other ailments—that is, the crossness—tossing to a bitter bleak east wind, which blows like a demon from Boston and keeps all in a state of misanthropy and universal dissatisfaction.

The *Spectator* says that Professor S. F. Baird, "Annual Record of Science and Industry for 1876" presents "an amazing picture of the intellectual activity of the age."

THE REMAINS of Lord Lytton were interested that part of Westminster Abbey known as St. Edmund's Chapel, and set your friend Poet's Corner. The *Times* says that it is now such a goodly company, perhaps have enabled us to read on stones near together the names of "Macaulay," "Dickens" and "Lytton," but it was thought best to lessen the pressure upon that particular spot.

THE OLD architectural glories of the Peninsula are revived in a beautiful volume by Sir Denis Wyatt, "An Architect's Note Book in Spain," containing 100 sketches in autotype of the domestic architecture of the Spaniards.

THE *Saturday Review* is very satirical on the Rev. Mr. Spurgeon's lectures upon "Italy and Art" and thinks the reverend gentleman is a goose.

A New English political journal, to be called the *Vienna Times*, will be published in the Austrian capital about the 1st of March. In April it will make a daily paper. During the Exposition it is designed to make it especially useful to Englishmen and Americans by furnishing full information on such matters as securing desirable rooms, purchasing trustworthy guides, &c.

## A STEAMSHIP RACE AGAINST TIME TO BERMUUDA.

The Niagara and Florida About to Try Conclusions—Paddle-wheel vs. Screw—Bets in Favor of the Latter—Why They are Racing For.

This morning the paddle-wheel steamer Niagara, formerly of the Old Dominion Steamship line, will leave this port for Bermuda, in the hope of obtaining the British postal subsidy of £240 for the round and home trip between this port and Bermuda, the colonial government of that island has given notice through the columns of the HERALD that the contract formerly existing between them and H. H. Brown, the owner of the screw vessels will soon expire, and the new contract, which the screw effort will be made by the commander of the Florida to make a rapid passage.

THIS COMPETITIVE CRAFT.

The competitor of the Niagara for postal favor is the screw steamer Florida, a sketch of whose history appeared in this paper a fortnight ago. It is the property of E. M. A. Thorpe, contractor, who has purchased her on account of her speed. The race on time between these two craft down to Bermuda is a contest of great interest to the shipping community, as it is the repetition of the old struggle between sidewheel and screw, and which has almost invariably terminated in favor of the latter. It is reported that Mr. W. P. Clyde, the owner of the Florida, has backed his steamer heavily to beat the Niagara's time by a dozen hours at least. The weather is to be expected in the ocean at this season, and it is probable that both vessels will have good opportunities of showing their swiftness. It is certain that the Florida, being lighter, there is as much steam can take them, for the swift sailer will undoubtedly get the contract. The Florida is owned by the Spanish government, and on the same day and hour as the Niagara, has been detained unavoidably in her departure for a few days.

## ROBBING THE CITY.

A day or two since Commissioner Van Nostrand called the attention of Captain Bennett to the fact that number of horse traders were carting staid from certain unpaved streets in the Twelfth precinct, thus robbing the city of thousands of dollars' worth of valuable building and paving material. Yesterday Roundsman Devoe, Officer Clark and other officers of the precinct arrested a number of cartmen in the employ of E. M. A. Thorpe, contractor, while engaged in taking sand from 136th street, between Fifth and sixth avenues. At the point where the men were taken, the sand was piled up in a heap four and five feet below the street grade. The prisoners were taken before Justice McGuire, at the Harlem Police Court, where they pleaded guilty to the charge of robbing the city. It had been given to understand by their employers that the sand had been purchased from another party in the employ of E. M. A. Thorpe, and that it was entered against each of the prisoners, on the ground that they were formally committed to the custody of Officer Robinson, with instructions to detain them to go to their homes on parole, so as to appear in court with their employers this morning.